



St Aidan's Primary School, Rooty Hill

Sharing News and Views

From the Principal

17th February 2012

Dear Parents,

Thank you to the many parents who attended the Parent Information Night last Monday. It was pleasing to see the interest in our school and in the children's learning.

Parents are reminded that the teachers are available to discuss your child's learning. It is really important that you understand what is happening at school. Should you want to talk to teachers about your child's learning you are asked to phone the school office (9625 3181) and make an appointment with the appropriate teacher. (A list of staff names was included in the previous newsletter).

Today all students were involved in an AFL clinic. As you know the outer western suburbs are home to the Western Sydney Giants and they are trying to promote their code with younger children. St Aidan's have taken part in these clinics on a number of occasions and they are always very popular. Of course all sport is good for children's physical and mental health so we encourage you to involve your children in sport outside of school whenever possible.

All Catholic schools in the Diocese of Parramatta will be participating in the Quality Catholic Schooling (QCS) project in 2012.

QCS will provide data from students, staff and parents about our school's cultural behaviour, relationships and learning community and will assist us to focus our efforts for improvement by building on our successes to date.

From 12-23 March all staff, approximately fifty students from years five and six and sixty randomly-selected parents will be asked to complete an online survey. Staff and students will complete the survey online at school. Parents will be sent home a paper survey but will also be able to complete the survey online if preferred. The survey will take about 20-30 minutes to complete.

A survey consultant (Insight SRC) has been engaged to manage the data collection. The survey data will be kept strictly confidential and no individual will be identified to the school or the Catholic Education Office. Each school will receive an information report at the end of May and will use this report to inform their planning.

If you are selected to complete the survey, I would encourage your participation as this will help our school to identify our strengths and areas in which we can focus our improvement.

Should you have any questions please contact Mrs Christine Leahy, Assistant Principal who is facilitating the survey for St Aidan's.

Finally I remind you about parking legally outside the school. The area directly outside the school in Adelaide Street has restricted parking at certain times. These restrictions enable you to stop and let children off but not park and leave your car. Please be careful and take notice of the signs as we have been informed that parking rangers will be in the area.

Thank you in anticipation for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Elizabeth Ricketts,
Principal.

A person is justified by works and not by faith alone (James 2:24)

Reflection

On Ash Wednesday we begin the Church's season of Lent. This is a good time to reflect on our actions and take account of our relationship with God and others. It is a time to 'feast' on doing good deeds and 'fast' on discontent.

In class the students will be looking at their relationship with Jesus. They will discuss how they like to be treated and how they will treat each other. They will make a Lenten promise and throughout their units of work reflect on how they are going with that promise. They will reflect on the importance of reaching out to others especially those who are less fortunate.

Next week each family will receive a Project Compassion Box. You are asked to return the filled boxes to the school (not the Church) in the week beginning Monday 26th March.

Thank you for your continued support.



Mrs Silvana Murphy,
Religious Education Coordinator.



Pastoral Care and Student Management Policy

Accompanying this newsletter is the St Aidan's School Pastoral Care and Student Management Policy.

I would like to take this opportunity to highlight some important points from the policy and how it is implemented in the school.

Student Management at St Aidan's is based on the principles of procedural fairness, which refers to the hearing rule and the right to an unbiased decision.

Each child is treated with dignity and respect. Each child has the right to be heard.

Student management is the responsibility of each staff member at St Aidan's; however, it is the classroom teacher or the teacher on playground duty who generally address any issues in the first instance. Serious issues are referred to me and Dr. Ricketts if necessary.

Consequences of poor behaviour may require the child to phone their parents and explain what has happened. This ensures that the child takes responsibility for their actions.

Where there are ongoing behaviour issues, the school works closely with parents to assist the children to arrive at possible solutions.

Mrs Christine Leahy,
Assistant Principal.

ATTENTION PARENTS: RE DISMISSAL OF STUDENTS

A reminder that the ways students leave the school at the end of the day are as follows:

- Parent waiters
- Walkers
- Vans
- Bus

STUDENTS ARE NOT TO WAIT UNSUPERVISED FOR THEIR PARENTS AT THE SWINGS IN KIMBERLEY PARK.

Parents are asked to be on time to pick up their children. If you know you will be late please phone the school and your children will be supervised on the playground. Parents are to park legally and safely (**NO 'U' TURNS**) and walk into the school to collect their children.

YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY IS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE ALWAYS.



News from the Library

Workshop sessions for groups of students **HAVE COMMENCED** in the library. Such workshops will explore Information Technology and Information skills. All sessions will be linked to work that is taking place in the learning spaces.

As well as Technology workshops there will also be literacy sessions operating for groups of students. Groups of students from Kindergarten to Year two will be able to attend story time. During this time a book will be read and explored through a range of interesting activities.

Ebook clubs will be available for students in stages two and three. During these sessions a book will be read using iPads followed by discussions. The students will also be able to write their reflections on a blog set up for the group.

I remind parents that the school's radio station 97.5fm will once again be on air, each weekday, between the hours of 8.30am – 9.30am and 2.30pm – 3.30pm. You are encouraged to tune in and catch up on all the school news.

As you can see, the St Aidan's library will be a very exciting place of learning this year.

Mrs Grace Carlo-Stella,
Teacher/librarian & LTST.



Condolences

Dillan Goro's Grandfather recently died overseas. Prayers are offered for the family.



St Aidan's Student Banking day is THURSDAY

Hall of Fame

KC	Kacey Alvarado	Wayne Conopio
KG	Elizabeth Akinba	Mason Polidano
1C	Jon Rhys Timbol	Dora Abicic
1K	Damian Mifsud	Mischa Vella
2F	Arabelle Remorozo	Neil Swin
2H	Rita El-Ghossein	Tristan Payuran
3B	Angelica Patterson	Jonathan Tandoc
3M	TJ Fuamatu	Stephanie Derjani
4A	Dillan Goro	Esther Usu
4H	Shayne Cortes	Hedrone Aquino
5H	Joshua Moussa	Maddison Ticchio
5M	Kayla Hernandez	Sophie Warwick-Smith
6D	Bailey Hogg	Alyssa Alcalá
6W	Gabrielle Norton	Carl Blando

Blacktown Zone Swimming Team Friday 24th February 2012

Caitlin Ackroyd-Mosbey	Rosamae Celik	Dylan Dominguez
Marielle Dominguez	Bianca Fragomeli	Gianni Fragomeli
Joshua Fuamatu	TJ Fuamatu	Bailey Hogg
Jason Johnson	Kobe Maireriki	Hannah Plaatjes
Richard Quisumbing	Alexandra White	Ricky White

Medication form

A 'Notification and request for the administration of medication during school hours' form has been sent home with this newsletter.

If you child needs to bring medication to school due to a short term illness this form must be completed and sent with the medication.

Children do not keep medication in their school bags.

ALL MEDICATION IS STORED IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

This form is not used for asthma. A student who needs a puffer at school for asthma requires an 'Asthma Action Plan' from your child's doctor.

St Aidan's Church - First Eucharist/Communion 2012

(Baptismal Certificate & Reconciliation Certificate to be handed in to the coordinator at time of Child's registration for this Sacrament)

Information night: Tuesday 24th April 2012 7:30pm – Mary MacKillop Hall

Registration: – Sat 28th April (after Vigil Mass, place registrations in box in Sacristy)
– Sun 29th April (after 8:30am/10:00am Masses, place registration in box in Sacristy)

Adult session: Wednesday 9th May 7:30pm-9:30pm Mary MacKillop Hall

Children's sessions: (8:30am-9:45am meet in Mary MacKillop Hall for all sessions)

Eucharist Sunday 13th May

Eucharist Sunday 20th May

Eucharist Sunday 27th May

Eucharist Sunday 3rd June

PARENT SESSION Sunday 10th June

Practice sessions in Church: Monday 4th June at 7:00pm and Thursday 7th June at 7:00pm

Sacrament administered: Sunday 17th June 2012 12:00noon and 3:00pm

Dates for your diary Term one 2012

Wednesday 22 nd February	11:30am Mass for Ash Wednesday (Years 3-6)
Friday 24 th February	Blacktown Zone Swimming Carnival
Friday 2 nd March	Diocesan Swimming Carnival
Wednesday 7 th March	9:15am Opening School Mass & Induction of School Leaders
Tuesday 13 th March	School Photos
Wednesday 14 th March	Assembly Stage three
Wednesday 21 st March	Mass 9:15am (year three leading Primary)
Monday 2 nd –Friday 8 th April	Holy Week
Thursday 5 th April	Term one concludes 2:55pm
Friday 6 th April	Good Friday

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